

Gunnison County

Willow Creek District

The Willow Creek District was recognized by Henderson (1926) and Dunn (2003), who described it as comprising sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 of T47N, R2W. This is a small area just west of Vulcan, which includes the Midway Mine. It lies within the larger **Gunnison District**.

The geology of the area is described by Hedlund and Olson (1975). Ore included gold, lead, and silver.

Mines listed in the district include:

- Seventy-six Shaft (mindat.org)
- Sugar Creek (mindat.org)
- Midway Mine (by Henderson's description)

Minerals listed in the district (mindat.org) include:

Albite var: Cleavelandite	Crocoite	'Olivine'
Anorthite var: Labradorite	Galena	Pyrite
Augite	Goethite	Rhodonite
'Biotite'	'Hypersthene'	Thorite
Chalcopyrite	Magnetite	'Thorogummite'

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